

Northern Pike Angler Preference Survey – 2015

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Inland Fisheries Division is seeking angler input regarding the management of northern pike in Deep Creek Lake. With new fisheries management techniques, we have the potential to increase northern pike abundance and develop a trophy northern pike fishery, while helping to control the chain pickerel population in the lake. Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey.

DEEP CREEK LAKE FISHING

For questions 1 - 4, consider *only* your Deep Creek Lake fishing activity between March 2014 and March 2015.

OPEN WATER SEASON						ICE FISHING SEASON				
<u>Deep Creek Lake Fishing Effort</u>						0	1-10	11-20	21-30	30+
1.	How many days did you fish?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	How many days did you target pike?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Pike Caught & Harvested</u>						0	1-5	6-10	11-15	16+
3.	How many pike did you catch?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	How many pike did you harvest?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Would you harvest a legal size (30 inches) northern pike if you caught one?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe (explain) _____

6. Would you harvest a trophy size (40+ inches) northern pike if you caught one?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe (explain) _____

7. Where do you fish in Deep Creek Lake? (check all that apply) ☐ Shoreline/Dock ☐ Boat ☐ Ice Fishing

DEEP CREEK LAKE NORTHERN PIKE MANAGEMENT

8. Current regulations for northern pike in Deep Creek Lake include a 30 inch minimum size, 2 fish daily creel limit, and no closed season. This regulation does not protect vulnerable pre-spawn females from harvest. Would you support **new** pike regulations to increase northern pike densities, create a trophy northern pike fishery, as well as potentially control the chain pickerel population?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No Opinion

9. If a northern pike regulation change were to occur, which of the following options would you *most* agree with?

REGULATIONS	Option A	Option B	Option C
<i>Creel Limit</i>	1	1	Catch and Release Only
<i>Possession Limit</i>	1	1	
<i>Minimum Size</i>	42"	40"	
<i>Fishing Season</i>	Open Year Round	Closed to harvest 1/1-4/30	Closed to harvest all year
Check your preferred option	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ABOUT YOU

10. Are you a Maryland resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No 11. If yes to 10, in which county do you live? _____

12. Do you have any additional comments regarding northern pike management in Deep Creek Lake?

